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Dear Bob:

Thank you for sending me a list of people knowledgeable in Middle East oil operations. I appreciate receiving your suggestions and will consider seriously the kind of meeting we discussed.

Warmest regards,

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Dear Henry

When we last met, you inquired whether I thought it would be useful for you to deal at the Metropolitan Club with a group of individuals interested in Middle Eastern Oil Operations to discuss whether there is a role for governments in dealing with such questions as: how to "stabilize" middle eastern oil prices; is there a danger of political boycotts and if so how can the risks be minimized; through what institutions, and under what policies, can the supplies from the producer states be invested without disruption of the world's capital markets.

I do believe such a meeting would be worthwhile. Were you to wish to arrange it, you might wish to invite:

1. John McLean - Chairman of Continental Oil - one of the most intelligent leaders of the industry; for 15 years a Harvard professor

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2. A. J. MEYER - a member of the Harvard Center of Middle Eastern Studies, highly recommended by Mr. Khan
3. George Percy - the Egyptian representative who negotiated the Tehran agreement, highly recommended by Mr. Khan
4. Walter Levy - Palestinian economist
5. David Rockefeller
6. Rudy Peterson
7. George Woods
8. Bob Fossa

Best wishes,
JFK